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REPORT.

We offer the following as our Thirty-fourth Annual Report: —

The financial condition of the Home first demands our attention. Last year, by the exercise of strict economy, we kept within our income; but during the present year we have been obliged to expend over eight hundred dollars on repairs to the plumbing, and for improving the sanitary condition of the house; and our bills for wages and provisions have been somewhat increased. As the gifts and bequests to the Home, upon which we have been obliged of late years to rely to meet our current expenses, were very much less than usual, the result has been, that we have exceeded our income by some fifteen hundred dollars.

What we need is a larger number of annual subscribers. If every friend of the Home would promise to add one new name to the list, we should soon have an income sufficient for our wants.

During the year, the usual amount of temporary assistance has been given to families by receiving and taking

care of the children while the parents, from sickness, want of work, or from other causes, were unable to provide for them.

Our most important work, however, to which we cannot too often call the attention of our friends, is in procuring places for homeless children, where they are lawfully adopted, and brought up as members of the families, whose names they receive; in most cases never knowing that they are not with those who gave them birth. When we changed our rules, nine years ago, so far as to receive infants when given up to us for adoption, we found the number of actual adoptions much increased thereby. The desire seems to be increasing in the community, among those who have no children, to provide themselves in this way with these priceless gifts; and to-day we have several good homes ready for their reception.

As the years pass by, we have visits and letters from these parents by adoption, telling us what wonderful children they have, and what blessings the little ones have proved to be. We see that the blessing is, indeed, threefold, not only to the child who has acquired a home and all that that word expresses, but also to the husband and to the wife to whom the joy and delight of parental love are unfolded.

We give a few extracts from the many letters that are received from these homes. One woman writes, "The year which I was to wait to answer the law has now passed (yesterday), and I am very anxious to have the adoption papers as soon as possible."

Another says, "We could not possibly spare the little girl taken from your Home last spring, and we desire to adopt her legally. She is as dear to us as our own child could be."

A third writes, "Baby is a rosy-cheeked, plump little girl, the delight not only of ourselves, but of her grandparents also. I hardly know how to stop writing about her, she is such a wonderful little thing to us; and I write this as I sit rocking her cradle."

And still another says, "Our little one is seven months old to-day, and is just as good and cunning as a baby can be. We are very glad to get our adoption certificate; for we now feel sure she is truly our own, and no earthly power can take her from us. We cannot be too thankful for this treasure that has been given us."

We could fill a volume with similar testimonies. As the Home has been at work for thirty-four years, and very many who have been its inmates are now men and women (the total number on our books to date being fifty-six hundred and forty), we are able to judge fairly of the results, and to see the triumph of education and home influence over any original bad traits.

We have in our recollection the name of only one who has been arrested for a breach of the law, and we feel sure that our children will compare favorably with a similar number, taken in a body, from any part of the Commonwealth.

A gentleman called on us a few months since, who took

one of our little girls twenty years ago. He described her — now a woman — as of a gentle and loving disposition, finely educated, and an ornament to the circle in which she lived. When we spoke of the noble work he had done for her, he replied, "She has done much more for me than I can ever do for her. Her love for me has been a joy words cannot express. When she had been with us about five years, we had a son born, and now I cannot detect the least difference between my affection for my son, and that for my daughter."

On a Christmas Day more than twenty years ago, in one of the worst quarters of this city, two ladies found in a cellar two little girls, one and three years of age, clothed in squalid rags, and lying on a bed of straw. Their father and mother had been sent to the House of Correction for drunkenness. The children were in so pitiable a condition, that it seemed doubtful if they could live. The younger grew weaker, and soon died. The elder was sent to an excellent home in the country; but for several years her health was very delicate, and her parents by adoption often wrote to us that they feared lest they should fail to bring her up. Their efforts, however, were finally successful, and the puny child became a healthy, intelligent, and beautiful woman. She was recently married; and her mother writes to us, "She is well married, and happy; but I miss her more and more every day. My husband wept aloud at her departure."

Not long since, we visited one of our large public in-

stitutions for children. The children all seemed well fed and clothed, and kindly treated. There they receive a good common school education; but nothing further is done to help them get a livelihood when they go out into the world. We were told that the larger boys could not be taught any useful trade, for fear lest the ill-will of the trades-unions should be excited against the institution. On looking over the numerous throng, one could plainly see the stamp of pauperism upon their faces. All individuality seemed to be lost. As we thought of the good homes where our children had been received and brought up, all the more strongly were we impressed with the importance of our work "of bringing the children who have no homes to the homes which have no children."

We are very glad to see that public opinion is fast coming to the conclusion that the only proper places for children to be brought up are separate, individual homes, where alone can love and tender care be found. To this work we devote our constant attention; and we earnestly desire the aid of our friends in carrying it forward.

We feel grateful to our friends for the numerous presents received during the year, and especially for the various articles of clothing that are always useful. We wish to thank the Young Men's Christian Union, and others, who have given the children many visits to the country. So much benefit is derived from the change, that we hope the day is not far off when some good friend of the Home will give us a small place in the country

which may be used both as a summer home and as a resort in times of sickness.

The record of the year is as follows: —

Number of children in the house Dec. 29, 1879		47
Received during the year		181
		228
Returned to parents or friends	94	
Placed for adoption	57	
Placed in families or other institutions	46	
Died	5	
	—	202
Remaining in the house		26

Included in the above is the

INFANT DEPARTMENT.

Number of infants in charge Dec. 29, 1879		14
Received during the year		34
		48
Adopted (two years old or under)	33	
Returned to parents	3	
Died	5	
	—	41
Remaining in the house		7

Dr. TEMPORARY HOME FOR THE DESTITUTE, *in account with* JOHN D. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.* **Cr.**

1880.			
Dec. 24.	To Cash paid during the year for		
	Provisions and groceries	$1,616 24	
	Incidentals	571 30	
	Salaries and wages	2,262 82	
	Board of infants and children	738 50	
	Repairs	899 96	
	Gas	113 80	
	Fuel	394 11	
	Water-tax	40 00	
	Printing	78 59	
			$6,715 32
	Bills receivable — for amount loaned		500 00
	Balance carried to credit of new account		226 48
			$7,441 80

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 24, 1880, and find them correct, with all the items properly vouched.

THOS. T. BOUVÉ,
One of the Auditing Committee.

1879.			
Dec. 27.	By balance from old account, cash on hand		$266 28
1880.			
Dec. 24.	By cash received during the year from subscriptions and donations	$2,313 00	
	Income from funded property,	1,862 52	
			4,175 52
	Legacy: — Amount received from the executors of the will of the late John C. Bucknam,		1,000 00
	Bills receivable: — Sundry loans paid in		2,000 00
			$7,441 80

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JOHN D. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Dec. 24, 1880.

LIFE-MEMBERS.

APPLETON, Mrs. WILLIAM.
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HOMER, Mrs. PETER T.
HOMER, Mrs. T. J.
HOOPER, Mrs. I. HARRIS.
HOVEY, Miss MARIAN.
JOY, Miss CAROLINE A.
JOY, Mrs. DAVID.
MORTON, Miss SARAH B.

MERRIAM, Mrs. CHARLES.
NEWMAN, Miss ANNA B.
RICE, HENRY ALLEN.
RICHARDSON, Mrs. JEFFREY.
STETSON, Mrs. JOSHUA.
SALISBURY, Miss ANNIE G.
SHATTUCK, Mrs. GEORGE C.
STEDMAN, Mrs. MARSHALL.
STORER, Mrs. WILLIAM BRANDT.
STORER, Mrs. R. B.
THAYER, C. LOWELL.
THAYER, NATHANIEL N.
THAYER, Mrs. C. L.
WETHERELL, Mrs. JOHN.
WIGGLESWORTH, Miss ANNE.

SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

From Jan. 1, 1880, to Jan. 1, 1881.

Adams, Mrs. Abel	$25 00
Alden, John E.	5 00
Ames, Miss Helen A.	50 00
Ames, Mrs. Oliver	50 00
Andrews, Mrs. William T.	5 00
Anonymous	100 00
Atkinson, W. P.	5 00
Ayres, John	5 00
Baleh, F. V.	10 00
Balch, Mrs. Susan T.	2 00
Baldwin, Miss Harriet	1 00
Bangs, Miss Lillie	5 00
Barnes, Charles B.	10 00
Bartol, Mrs. C. A.	10 00
Bartol, Miss E. H.	5 00
Beebe, Mrs. J. Arthur	5 00
Bigelow, Mrs. Alanson	2 00
Bigelow, Mrs. Horatio	5 00
Blake, S. P., jun.	5 00
Bond, Mr. and Mrs. George	10 00
Bouvé, Thomas T.	10 00
Bowditch, Mrs. J. I.	5 00
Bowditeh, William I.	5 00
Bradford, Mrs. M. R.	1 00
Bradlee, Miss	5 00
Brewer, Charles	5 00
Brewer, Mrs. Gardner	100 00
Broad, Miss A.	1 00
Browne, Miss H. L.	2 00
Bruee, Mrs. Edwin	2 00
Bryant, Mrs. Henry	3 00
Bullard, Mrs. William S.	$5 00
Burrage, A. A.	10 00
Burrage, Mrs. E. A.	5 00
Burrage, Charles H.	5 00
Cabot, John H.	50 00
Cabot, Mrs. Eliot	5 00
Cabot, R. C.	3 00
Cary, Mrs. George B.	2 00
Chickering, George H.	10 00
Claflin, Henry	10 00
Clarke, Mrs. J. Freeman	35 00
Clarke, Miss Cora H.	2 00
Coolidge, Mrs. J. T., jun.	25 00
Crane, Joshua	10 00
Cruft, Miss A. P.	3 00
Cruft, Miss H. O.	3 00
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.	10 00
Curtis, Mrs. G. S.	20 00
Curtis, Mrs. Henry	2 00
Daggett, Mrs. Henry L.	2 00
Dane, J. H.	00
Davis, Mrs. J. Amory	40 00
Davis, James	10 00
Deblois, Mrs. A.	2 00
Ditson, Oliver	10 00
Dorr, Miss S. E.	3 00
Dumaresq, Mrs. H.	2 00
Eliot, Samuel	10 00
Ellis, Jonathan	5 00

Emmons, Mrs. Charles	$5 00
Endicott, William, jun.	25 00
Estes, Mrs. Louisa R.	10 00
Everett, Otis, Mr. and Mrs.	10 00
Fenno, Isaac	10 00
Fernald, Mrs. J. C.	1 00
Fields, Mrs. J. T.	5 00
Flagg, Mrs. Augustus	3 00
Flagg, Mrs. Elisha	2 00
Foote, Rev. H. W.	5 00
Forbes, J. M.	5 00
French, J. D. W.	5 00
G. L. K.	10 00
Glidden, Mrs. J. M.	10 00
Goddard, Miss Matilda	5 00
Goddard, Miss Rebecca A.	5 00
Goodwin, Mrs. Ozias	25 00
Gordon, Mrs. Charles	5 00
Gore, Miss Sarah D.	3 00
Gould, Samuel	3 00
Greene, Mrs. B. D.	10 00
Greenleaf, Mrs. Mary P.	10 00
Greenleaf, Richard C.	50 00
Guild, Mrs. S. E.	5 00
Hall, Miss H. W.	5 00
Hayward, Mrs. G. P.	10 00
Hollingsworth, Mrs. George	20 00
Hollingsworth, Mrs. A. L.	20 00
Hobbs, Miss E.	2 00
Holmes, Mrs. O. W.	10 00
Holmes, E. J.	5 00
Homans, Dr. C. D.	2 00
Hooper, E. W.	25 00
Hooper, Mrs. Samuel	25 00
Howe, Mrs. Thomas	10 00
Howe, Miss Louisa	2 00
Howe, Miss H. W.	5 00
Howe, Mrs. John C.	5 00
Hubbard, Miss Annie	5 00
Hunting, Mrs. Thomas	5 00
Johnson, C. A.	10 00
Johnson, Samuel	5 00
Jones, Mrs. Frederick	2 00
Jones, Mrs. J. M.	2 00
Kidder, H. P.	$10 00
Langley, Miss Annie W.	5 00
Langley, Mrs. Samuel	3 00
Lee, Henry	20 00
Lincoln, Mrs. J. B.	5 00
Lincoln, Miss Mary K.	5 00
Lodge, Mrs. John E.	10 00
Lowell, Mrs. Augustus	3 00
Lyman, Theodore	25 00
Mayo, E. R.	5 00
May, Miss A. W.	5 00
May, F. W. G.	5 00
May, Mrs. F. W. G.	2 00
May, Mrs. J. J.	2 00
May, Mrs. Samuel	10 00
May, Rev. Samuel	2 00
Merriam, Charles	5 00
Merriam, Mrs. J. L.	5 00
Minot, Dr. F.	5 00
Minot, George R.	10 00
Mixter, Miss M. C.	50 00
Mixter, Miss H. K.	50 00
Morse, S. T.	10 00
Morton, Miss S. J.	1 00
Morton, Mrs. S.	1 00
Morton, Mrs. S. B.	1 00
Motley, Miss E. R.	25 00
Motte, Mrs. Ellis L.	5 00
Naylor & Co.	20 00
Nichols, Miss Mary P.	5 00
Nichols, Mrs. R. Anne	2 00
Paine, Miss F. C.	10 00
Parker, Miss M. F.	1 00
Parkman, Miss E. S.	5 00
Peele, Mrs. J. W.	5 00
Perkins, William	10 00
Peters, E. D.	10 00
Philbrick, E. S.	5 00
Porter, Miss H. F.	5 00
Putnam, Dr. J. J.	5 00
Quincy, Thomas D.	5 00
Randall, Mrs. B. L.	3 00

Reed, Mrs. B. T.	$5 00
Ropes, Joseph S.	3 00
Rogers, Mrs. H. B.	10 00
Safford, Mrs. J. E. M.	1 00
Salisbury, D. W.	10 00
Saltonstall, Henry	50 00
Sargent, Mrs. T. M.	5 00
Sears, K. W.	10 00
Seaverns, Mrs. T. W.	5 00
Second Church Sunday School, Boston	10 00
Shattuck, George O.	5 00
Shattuck, Mrs. G. C.	10 00
Shaw, Mrs. G. H.	5 00
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.	50 00
Sinclair, Dr. A. D.	5 00
Skinner, Miss Marian	1 00
Smith, Miss Louisa	1 00
Spooner, Mrs. D. W.	2 00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5 00
Stevenson, Miss H. E.	5 00
Storer, William B.	25 00
Storer, Mrs. William B.	25 00
Sturgis, Mrs. Russell, jun.	10 00
Stratton, Mrs. Charles E.	1 00
Sumner, Mrs. A. F.	5 00
Sweetser, Mrs. Isaac	25 00
Talbot, W. H.	3 00
Thayer, Miss C. C.	2 00
Thayer, Mrs. S. V. R.	5 00
Thompson, Mrs. M. H. M.	1 00
Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.	6 00
Tolman, J. P.	5 00
Tolman, Mrs. James	5 00
Tompkins, Mrs. O.	2 00
Tufts, James W.	10 00
Turner, Miss A. W.	$25 00
Unity-Church Sunday School, North Easton	59 48
Upham, Dr. J. Baxter	5 00
Wainwright, Miss Rebecca P.	5 00
Wales, Miss Mary Ann	20 00
Ware, Mrs. C. E.	25 00
Ware, Miss H.	2 00
Ware, Miss M. L.	10 00
Ware, Mrs. Leonard	3 00
Warren, Mrs. Richard	5 00
Washburn, Miles	5 00
Weld, Dr. Moses W.	5 00
Weld, Mrs. M. W.	5 00
Westacott, R.	10 00
Whitman, Henry	10 00
Whitmore, C. J.	5 00
Whitmore, C. O.	5 00
Whitwell, H.	5 00
Whitney, D. R.	25 00
Wigglesworth, Miss Ann	102 00
Wigglesworth, Miss Mary	3 00
Williams, Miss Ann D.	5 00
Williams, D. W.	35 00
Williams, Mrs. J. L.	5 00
Williams, Moses	10 00
Winslow, Miss Lucy	20 00
Winthrop, R. C., jun.	10 00
Wolcott, J. H.	5 00
Wolcott, Mrs. J. H.	20 00
Wright, W. C.	2 00
Young, C. L.	10 00
Young, Miss F.	10 00
Zahn, Mrs. S. F.	5 00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME FOR 1880.

Ames, Miss Helen A. (North Easton). — A box of children's garments of all kinds, a hundred and ninety-six pieces.

Ames, Mrs. Oliver A. — One dozen pairs knitted stockings.

Ayres, John. — Fruit.

Andrews, Miss Helen S., and her Sunday-school class. — Clothing.

Baldwin, Mr. (Dorchester). — One barrel apples.

Beckwith, Mrs. — Twelve boxes strawberries.

Brewer, Mrs. J. R. — One barrel apples, six large boxes of children's flannels, hats, stockings, &c.

Blackmar, Mrs. W. W. — One box children's hats, trimmed.

Blatchford, Mrs. — Toys.

Bailey, Miss H. H. — Sixteen aprons, long sleeves.

Bouvé, Mr. T. T. — Apples.

Curtis, Mrs. C. P. — Large bundle clothing.

Chapin, Rev. W. L. (Unity Church, North Easton). — A box of clothing from Sunday-school class, — Carrie L. Ripley, Annie R. Chapin, Katy B. Cogswell, Alice Lynch, Lulu B. Howard, Mamie Foy, and Nettie Feets.

Cabot, Mrs. Walter. — Children's clothing.

Coolidge, Mrs. (Beacon Street). — Toys.

Dodd, Mr. (Bethlehem, N.H.). — Two barrels vegetables.

Flagg, Mrs. — Children's clothing.

Hobbs, Miss. E. C. — Babies' shirts.

Hall, Mrs. S. (Brookline). — Bundle of clothing.

Hobart, Mrs. L. C. — Garments and toys.

Hinkley, Mrs. J. E. (East Weymouth). — Apples.

Horton, Rev. Mr. (Second Church). — Clothing.

Hills, Miss Elizabeth. — Toys and candies.

Jones, C. A. (Norfolk House). — A carpet.
Kendall, Miss H. W. — Children's flannels, &c.
Lodge, Mrs. Henry G. — Apples.
Lincoln, Miss Mary K. — Children's clothing.
May, Miss. — Clothing and other articles.
May, Mrs. — Quilts and clothing for children.
Morton, Mrs. M. (Quincy). — Apples.
Southmayd, Mrs. H. H. (Compton, N.H.). — Apples.
Skinner, H. M. — Apples.
Safford, Mrs. G. E. M. — Apples and pears.
Sears, Mrs. — Bundles clothing.
Sturgis, Mrs. Russell. — Children's clothing.
Sargent, Mrs. L. M. — Clothing.
Thompson, Mrs. H. M. — Apples.
Thayer, Mrs. N. — Twenty-one garments.
Torrey, Mrs. A. D. — Thirteen pair woollen knit stockings.
Wheelwright, Miss (Jamaica Plain). — Children's clothes.
Ware, Mrs. Charles E. — Large bundle clothing.
Williams, Mrs. M. B. — Sundries.
White, Miss Mabel M. (North Easton). — Garments for children.

DONATIONS FROM SOCIETIES.

Unity Sunday School, fifth class (North Easton). — Quilts, &c.
West Parish Sewing-Society (Boston). — Fifty-five garments.
Young Men's Christian Union. — Apples, &c.
King's Chapel Employment Society. — One hundred and forty-seven garments.
Trinity Industrial Society. — Flannel shirts, &c.
Boston Sewing-Circle. — Four hundred and eighty-six garments.
Church of Advent. — Two cans milk.
Congregational House (Beacon Street). — Flowers and fruit.
First Parish Sewing-Society (Hingham). — Forty-one garments.
Benevolent Society, First Parish (Dorchester). — Garments.
Arlington-street Church (Boston). — Donations of clothing.
Second Church, Sewing-Circle (Boston). — A bundle of garments.
First Parish Sewing-Society (Dorchester). — Garments.

THANKSGIVING PRESENTS, 1880.

Henshaw, Mr. Edward. — Box candy.
A Friend. — Ten dollars.
Jones, Mr. Charles A. (Norfolk House). — Two turkeys, one barrel apples, and fish.
Johnson, Mr. Benjamin. — Large turkey.
Mandell, Mrs. S. P. — Box of candies, and toys.
Barnard, Mrs. F. H. — Plum-pudding.
Chandler, Miss Helen A. — One turkey.
May, Mrs. Samuel. — One turkey.
Thayer, C. Lowell. — Two turkeys.
Johnson, Samuel, Sons. — Dried fruit.
Waldron, Rev. Mr. — Sweet-potatoes and vegetables.
Prince, Dr. and Mrs. (Newton). — Candy and mottoes.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, 1880.

Copeland, Mrs. G. W. (Malden). — One box candies.
Webber, Mr. F. E. — One box candy and cake.